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## Ex-Soviet Agent Speaks Out

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This town is still shaken by the sensational series of news articles about a former Soviet secret police agent who says the American government has been penetrated at the highest echelons by Americans under Communist discipline.

New York *Journal American* reporter Guy Richards, who broke the story, revealed that an ex-KGB (secret police) officer, a Pole who sports the pseudonym of Lt. Col. Michael Goleniewski, has accused at least 19 Americans—12 of them in the State Department—of being Communist agents. Several of the 19 are reported to be in the CIA, others are said to be American scientists.

Knowledgeable anti-Communists are withholding judgment on the stories, pending Goleniewski's thorough examination by the Senate Internal Security subcommittee, but at least one expert on security matters says the Pole's story could very well be true.

Goleniewski, it is noted, has given accurate information in the past and was considered instrumental in breaking the case of Irving Scarbeck, the American diplomat who was convicted of passing information to the Polish Reds.

The explosive nature of the story has not gone unnoticed by the White House. The Johnson Administration—in an effort to block another "Alger Hiss" case—has established a "blue ribbon" group to re-examine a list of nearly 200 potential security risks in the State Department. As *Human Events* has frequently pointed out, this re-examination, under way in the latter part of the Eisenhower Administration, was stopped in its tracks when President Kennedy was elected.

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